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Applicant: Shida et al.)

Serial No. 09/772,051)

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Sir:

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Total Claims	18	20	0	\$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00	\$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	\$
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment A.

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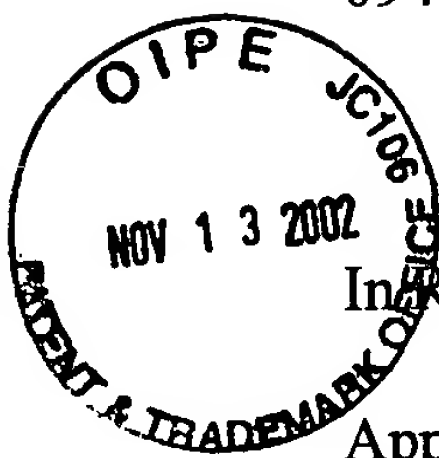
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 8, 2002, please amend the
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 14, and add new claims 17 and 18 as
follows.

1. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium comprising:

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